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Fortinet Strengthens Antivirus Protection with Automatic ‘Push’ Updates to FortiGate Systems

*FortiOS 2.36 Firmware Upgrade Introduces New Antivirus Firewall Enhancements
Including Multiple WAN Support and Antivirus Protection for IPSec VPNs*

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb.11, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that all FortiGate™ antivirus firewalls are now able to receive instant ‘push’ updates of antivirus and intrusion attack detection databases from the FortiResponse™ Distribution Network. This ensures that FortiGate units worldwide are updated in real time in response to new attacks, and are able to detect and prevent threats from entering customer networks, without waiting for the unit or an administrator to request an update.

This powerful immediate update capability, delivered in an upgrade to the FortiOS™ firmware, further strengthens Fortinet’s position as the sole provider of hardware-based antivirus gateways, and complements the FortiGate units’ high performance with the most responsive antivirus protection available at the lowest total cost of ownership.

Updates are provided by Fortinet’s FortiResponse Distribution Network – a global system of secure, redundant, high-performance servers that distribute antivirus and network intrusion detection system (NIDS) attack databases to registered FortiGate units deployed at the network edge. The attack databases are maintained by Fortinet’s Threat Response Team, which operates 24x7 on three continents to initiate real-time updates.

“The cost of network-borne attacks in terms of lost productivity, network damage and application downtime is extracting billions from real-time enterprises, while conventional software-based solutions are failing to keep pace,” said Ken Xie, founder, president and CEO of Fortinet. “No network-connected company or organization should be left vulnerable to the increasingly sophisticated viruses, worms, blended threats and other content-based attacks whose speed and complexity easily outmaneuver legacy systems. Fortinet’s introduction today of the world’s only antivirus firewall with automatic, instantaneous push-update capabilities strikes back at malicious code and content attackers with an intelligent wall of defense to block threats at the network’s edge.”

In addition to the push-update feature, the new FortiOS 2.36 firmware – available immediately on all new shipments of FortiGate Antivirus Firewalls and as a no cost upgrade for installed FortiGate systems under any Fortinet maintenance and support contract – delivers a number of additional enhancements to strengthen Fortinet’s multiple security functions including:

- Antivirus for VPN tunnels: Effectively protects enterprises from attacks launched through the typically trusted IPsec VPN tunnels
- IPSec VPN improvements that facilitate configuration of firewall policies, NAT (network address translation) traversal and hub-and-spoke configurations for sophisticated IPsec VPN topologies
- High Availability (HA) status monitoring: Real time unit and link status information for both Active-Passive and Active-Active operational modes
- Multiple wide area network (WAN) link support: Provides redundancy and load balancing for FortiGate units connected to multiple WANs
- Network intrusion detection enhancements: Enhances attack alerts that make it easier to identify threats and take appropriate action.

The FortiOS version 2.36 is available now with all FortiGate Antivirus Firewall units through authorized Fortinet distributors and resellers worldwide.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. The FortiGate systems deliver a full range of network-level services – firewall, VPN, intrusion detection and traffic shaping – as well as application level services such as antivirus and content filtering, in dedicated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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